



3 VS 3 CROSS ICE – MORE DEVELOPMENT WITH MODEST BUDGET



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MY HOCKEY BACKGROUND



- My name is Stoian (Tony) Batchvarov, Bulgarian International 1983-2009, played at 20 SR World Championships, 8 Tournament as National team's coach of Turkey and Bulgaria in all categories.
- Executive Director of BIHF and member of the board since 2015.





WHY WE CHOOSE THIS FORMAT



Bulgaria has first ever bronze medal in ice hockey - Lausanne YOG 2020 in ladies tournament, Maria Runevska, she was born 2005, younger then most players with one year. Because our juniors were not well prepared, we only got 1 boy and 1 girl representatives in that tournament, one more reason to decide to organize games in such a format. This season's 3x3, players were born 2008, 2009, 2010 and 2011.



BIG IMPACT FOR THE ICE HOCKEY POPULARITY IN THE COUNTRY



Our country has ZERO Government support and ZERO sponsorship, so this medal give our ice hockey big impact, also a lot of media interest, some important people start to come more often to the rinks and games.



Biggest local research companies mentioned that after pandemy more kids aged 6-11 need extreme sports, like bungy jumps, extreme rafting, rowing, and ice hockey in the same category





HOCKEY PLAYERS NEEDED PHISICAL ACTIVITIES AFTER COVID



We also noticed that our junior hockey players needed desperately skills activities, after months in online school lessons. This is sample of back side and wall of the rink, restricted area. Players create theirselves a shooting center, and they were hiding to practice shooting, puck control...., the wall was hardly damaged. This photo was made late November, so in one month we had to organize some events, starting in January 2021. Of course we were lucky to have our government permission, between second and third wave of the Covid.



MODEST BUDGET FOR 3 X 3 FORMAT



- Also for a country with only 4 indoor big ice rinks, we have always insufficient ice times. Such a format 3x3 give us instructive and full of matter game for kids and juniors, can be good example for low division hockey countries with less ice, small rinks, short season. We also organize an outdoor small rinks U12 Winter Classics, same format - every January already 3 years in a row, this kind of events help us recruiting new players.



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BIHF and our clubs organize the format with very modest budget, old, teared and useless short track mats were converted to rink dividers, they are light, easy to install and remove, not danger for the players. Players also can seat on top of it, you don't need extra benches.



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- We noticed that small hockey goals are more efficient, games ended with close scores, and players needed more efforts and skills.
- Few U18 players were invited as game officials in 3x3 tournaments, of course for free.



HUNDRED KIDS ON THE ICE FOR 2 HOURS



- 3x3 tournaments took approximate 2 hours ice times. Games are 12 min or 18 min (2x9), every shift is 1,5 minute, all kids have equal ice time, all players play, no cheating. Instead of penalty, we have a penalty shots, extra enthusiasm for participants.

CONTENTS OF THE PLAY



- From the difference of the regular game, we track some players for a their content of the game - for 72 min on the ice:
- Viktoria 11 old girl – 28 passes completed , 21 good, 7 wrong, 17 shots, 7 wide, 3 goals
- Chris – 10 years old – 24 passes completed 14 good, 8 wrong, 19 shots in the target, 4 wide = video
- Alex 10 years old – goalie – 46 shots in the target, 6 wide, 6 goals



GREAT NUMBERS OF PARTICIPANTS



- 17.01.2021 – 88 boys, 13 girls – U10
- 31.01.2021 – 88 boys , 12 girls
- 28.02.2021 – 87 boys, 13 girls – U12
- 21.03.2021 – 78 boys, 12 girls
- 10.04.2021 – 95 boys, 15 girls U10 and U14
- 24.04.2021 – 106 boys,12 girls U8 and U10
- 20.02.2021 – 6 teams U13
- 27.03.2021 – 6 teams U13



FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS, PLAYERS, COACHES



Konstantin: 10 years old – I like cross ice 3x3 hockey, because our team score a lot of goals, and there is no physical play

Father Svetoslav : When kids are excited to play, we are happy to bring them to the rink

Coach Nikola: I enjoy to watch my players, how they grew up in hockey after every tournament.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION, Q & A

